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APPLICANT: Schanz et al

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APPLN. NO.: PCT/EP2003/009481

SERIAL NO: 10/526,233

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FILING DATE: 27 August 2003

FOR: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR LIGHT TUBES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47

The present application was filed in the USPTO on February 228, 2005.

On March 22, 2005 the undersigned attorney sent: (i) a declaration and power of attorney document and (ii) an assignment document to outside German legal counsel for the true owner of the present application, Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH of Karlsbad, Germany. A copy of the declaration and assignment documents are enclosed herewith. These documents identify the residential address for each of the inventors, based upon information provided by outside German legal counsel for the true owner of the present application.

Following several reminders, the outside German legal counsel informed the undersigned that the (i) declaration and power of attorney document and (ii) the assignment document had been forwarded to Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH for the inventors to sign.

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After several reminders to personnel at Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH regarding the need to submit the declaration to the USPTO on or before April 5, 2006 in order to complete the application filing process, the undersigned has not received the formal documents.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the named inventors, both German nationals, have a legal obligation under German inventor laws to assign the present application to their employer Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH.

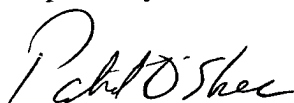
In order to preserve the rights of Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH, the undersigned now submits the present petition since today is the final day to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 5, 2005.

A check for \$200 is enclosed herewith as required per 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g).

A check for a four-month extension of time is also enclosed extending the response period to April 5, 2006.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the below named inventors, hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR FLUORESCENT TUBES**, the specification which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 28, 2005 and designated Serial No. 10/526,233.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the applications on which priority is claimed: International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/009481 filed on August 27, 2003 and German Patent Application No. 102 39 370.2 filed August 28, 2002.

We hereby declare that all statements made hereby of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And we hereby appoint:

Patrick J. O'Shea	-	Reg. No. 35,305
Richard D. Getz	-	Reg. No. 36,147
Richard H. Kosakowski.	-	Reg. No. 33,934

all of the firm of O'Shea, Getz & Kosakowski, P.C., our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We request that all correspondence be directed to:

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ASSIGNMENT

Know all men by these presents that:

WHEREAS we, Christian Schanz
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have made an invention for

TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR FLUORESCENT TUBES

described in the application filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 28, 2005 designated Serial No. 10/526,233 and which claims priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/009481 filed on August 27, 2003 and German Patent Application No. 102 39 370.2 filed August 28, 2002.

WHEREAS, Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH a corporation existing under the laws of Germany and having a place of business at Becker-Goering-Strasse 16, 79307 Karlsbad, Germany, for the benefit of itself, its successors and assigns, all inclusively hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, the said application, all inventions disclosed in said application and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries which may be granted for the said invention or inventions, or any of them;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration provided by said Assignee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, inventions and application, including all priority rights arising therefrom, all inventions disclosed in said application, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and of all other countries, together with the right to apply for such Letters Patent, which may be granted for the said invention, inventions or any of them,

TO HAVE, HOLD AND ENJOY the said invention, the said application, and the said Letters Patent, to said

HARMAN BECKER AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS GmbH

its successors and assigns, to its and their own use and behoof to the full end of the term or terms for which the said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

AND we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and the appropriate officers of all foreign patent offices to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on the said application or applications above referred to, or for the said invention, or any of them, to the said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND we hereby agree to execute and sign without further consideration any other legal document and any other assignments and any divisional, continuing, renewal, reissue or other application in and for all patents that may be appropriate and may be deemed necessary by the Assignee fully to secure to said Assignee its interests as aforesaid in and to the said invention or any part thereof and in and to the said patents or any of them.

AND we further covenant and agree that we will at any time upon request communicate to the said Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, any facts known to us relating to the said invention and any patent that may be granted thereon, and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation when requested to do so.

AND we hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives that we have not hitherto assigned or granted any license to make, use or sell said invention, and that we will not henceforth purport to assign, license or execute any instrument to that effect in conflict with this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the date below.

Date

Christian Schanz

Date

Matthias Rupprecht



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Legal Staff
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Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), petition is made for a FOUR (4) month extension of time to file the attached: (i) Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b), (ii) unexecuted declaration and power of attorney with the name and last known address of the inventors, and (iii) an unexecuted assignment document, in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 5, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$1,790.00 is enclosed herewith, \$1,590 being for the extension fee and \$200 being for the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any further extension and/or fee that is required to Deposit Order Account 50-3381.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date below, with sufficient postage as first class mail on April 5, 2006 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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